

hillbilly

he has a chipped
front tooth,
leather skin &
combs his hair
early elvis.

he'll talk to you
if you use the
right words, but
look closely &
you'll see his eyes
are tigers
crouched & ready
for some
yankee trick.

whore

she had this
skull & crossbones
tattooed
on her left thigh
& wore bright red
lipstick
that smeared when
she breathed hard.

she said her name
was Becky &
she worked in a
carnival.

it cost \$10
lasted 10 seconds
& I was 10 times
as lonely when
I came out
as when I
went in.

-- Albert Masarik

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